

Case No.: FREEM-174X

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Primal Elements, Inc.)
Patent No.: 6,171,102)
Issued: January 9, 2001)
For: DECORATIVE CANDLE DISPLAY)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON D C 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Prior to the initial examination of the subject reissue patent application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims into prosecution:

23. (NEW) A decorative candle display comprising:

a) a container defining an open top;

b) a quantity of candle wax material disposed within the container; and

c) at least one gelatinous structure partially embedded within the candle wax

material so as to be observable via the open top of the container.

24. (NEW) The decorative candle display of Claim 23 wherein the at least one

gelatinous structure defines at least one exposed edge which is rounded.

25. (NEW) A method of manufacturing a decorative candle display comprising the steps of:

a) pouring a quantity of a candle wax material into a container defining an open top; and

b) partially embedding at least one gelatinous structure into the candle wax material such that the gelatinous structure is observable via the open top of the container.

26. (NEW) The method of Claim 25 further comprising the step of:

c) applying heat to the gelatinous structure.

27. (NEW) The method of Claim 26 wherein:

the gelatinous structure defines at least one exposed edge; and

step (c) comprises applying heat to the gelatinous structure at a temperature level and duration sufficient to round the at least one exposed edge.

28. (NEW) The method of Claim 27 wherein step (c) comprises applying heat at a temperature level and duration sufficient to impart a sheen to the gelatinous structure.

29. (NEW) The method of Claim 26 wherein step (c) comprises applying radiant heat to the gelatinous structure.

30. (NEW) The method of Claim 26 wherein step (c) comprises applying convection heat to the gelatinous structure.

31. (NEW) The method of Claim 30 wherein step (c) is accomplished through the use of a hot air dryer.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has added new Claims 23-31 into prosecution.

New independent Claim 23 is an apparatus claim directed to a decorative candle display comprising a container which defines an open top and includes a quantity of candle wax material disposed therein. As further recited in Claim 23, at least one gelatinous structure is partially embedded within the candle wax material so as to be observable via the open top of the container. New Claim 24 is dependent upon Claim 23 and describes the gelatinous structure as defining at least one exposed edge which is rounded.

New independent Claim 25 is a method claim directed to a method of manufacturing a decorative candle display. In Claim 25, the method is described as comprising the initial step of pouring a quantity of a candle wax material into a container defining an open top. Such step is followed by the step of partially embedding at least one gelatinous structure into the candle wax material such that the gelatinous structure is observable via the open top of the container. New Claims 26-31 are dependent upon Claim 25, with such claims being directed to an additional heat application step used to round the exposed edge of the gelatinous structure and impart a sheen thereto.

Applicant respectfully submits that the antecedent basis in the specification of U.S. Patent No. 6,171,102 for the various limitations recited in new Claims 23-31 is as follows:

Column 1, lines 56-57;

Column 2, lines 10-16, 45-47, 54-59, and 66-67; and

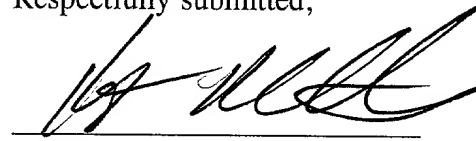
Column 3, lines 1-12.

Applicant respectfully submits that new Claims 23-31 are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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